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FROM A MICROELECTRONIC

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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed March 9, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 3, 6, 8, 32, 37, 38, 43-48, 53, 55, 68, 69, 76-95, 98-115 and 117-124. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,

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